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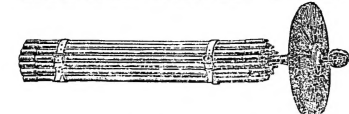
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HER COUSIN AGATHA

She Was Dashing and Handsome With Many Moths Fluttering About Her.

By GEORGE MUNSON.

Sylvia Blaine was happier than she had ever been in all her life before. But when she was alone she thought of how easily, especially when one is in love.

Tom Darragh was generally considered the most promising young lawyer in Stapleton. The Darraghs and the Blaines had been members when Stapleton was only a tiny hamlet; old Mr. Darragh had returned to the city of his birth to end his days there, and Tom had gone into a lawyer's office. Now at twenty-seven he had a flourishing business. And he loved Sylvia Blaine.

Sylvia could not believe that it was right for any girl to be as happy as she was. And why should Tom have chosen her when there were so many sweet girls of his acquaintance? If he had ever known her cousin Agatha, for example, she was sure that Tom would never have looked twice at her.

Agatha Blaine was five years older than Sylvia. Although she had been born in Stapleton, she had not lived there more than during her checkered existence. She had made an unhappy marriage and was suing the man for a divorce. Agatha was a handsome blonde—"dishing" people called her—with any number of moths fluttering round her. And the worst of it was that Agatha, who could never resist making conquests, was coming to stay with Sylvia's mother.

How could the little country girl retain her influence over her handsome, rich, civilized cousin Agatha, who was coming to stay with Sylvia's mother?

"Why, you foolish child," said Tom laughingly, when Sylvia voiced her fears.

"You don't know that I am madly infatuated with you? Bring on your Agatha and watch me." Sylvia sighed and suffered Tom to kiss the incipient lines of trouble off her pretty forehead. But when Agatha did arrive, a resplendent being in a picture hat, with four trunks and a pedigree dog, she was more than ever convinced that her days of happiness were numbered.

Agatha was no kind of a girl. Half minded to confess her trouble to her. But Agatha seemed also a little heartless. Sylvia was bound to confess that she sat with her and her mother and watched the elder lady's eyebrows gradually contract as she listened to the visitor's blipant comment on men and events. But doubtless it was Agatha's unhappy matrimonial experience that was responsible for that.

"Why, my dear auntie," she said to Sylvia's mother, "what funny, old-fashioned ideas you have about men. Any woman can get any man round her little finger, if she chooses."

"I wonder if she will choose to twist Tom round her little finger," sighed Sylvia to herself, when Agatha congratulated her warmly. Her interest in the engagement seemed almost unnatural, and she insisted upon purchasing a large part of Sylvia's trousseau. She also inquired into the condition of Tom's finances, and when she learned that his home would have to be a very modest one she seemed quite distressed.

"And I have more money than I know what to do with," she said. "Richard settled \$10,000 on me when we were married, you know."

On the day after her arrival Tom was introduced to her. Sylvia, watching her closely, although she assumed an indifferent manner, felt that her worst fears were confirmed. Within a few minutes after the introduction they were chatting together like old friends.

"Well, I've seen this wonderful Cousin Agatha," said Tom, as they parted, "and she can't hold a candle to you, sweetheart." But Sylvia detected a note of insincerity in his voice, and that night she cried herself to sleep.

The next day Cousin Agatha pleaded a headache and declined to accept the proposition of a walk. Sylvia had some shopping to do, and after a stroll through the woods alone, returned through the village. Suddenly she stopped dead; she felt as though a hand had been laid upon her shoulder.

"At a window on the second story of some business office she saw Agatha's hat."

There was no mistaking that hat. There could not possibly have been another like it in Stapleton. And the irony of the situation lay in the fact that the hat was nodding at the window of Tom's office.

There were few people in the street, and nobody noticed Sylvia, clinging with pale face and trembling limbs, to a corner of the building opposite. She could not tear her eyes away from what she saw. And a moment or two later she saw Agatha's tiny lace handkerchief pressed to her eyes, saw Agatha's head bowed upon her hands, and saw Tom's hand pat-

ting her cousin's shoulder, consolingly.

After awhile Sylvia summoned strength to go home. She did not tell anybody what she had seen. She wrote a little note to Tom that evening.

"I find that I made a mistake," she said. "I thought I loved you, but I was wrong. Please do not call or write to me, and never ask me to explain."

She knew Tom was too proud not to take her at her word. And the next two weeks were miserable ones to her. She herself was too proud to let Agatha know how she was suffering.

"Well, I must say I don't think much of that sweetheart of yours, Sylvia," said Agatha. "If I were engaged to a young man I should expect him to come to see me every evening. And here it must be a couple of weeks since he has put in an appearance."

Sylvia did not make the retort that was upon the tip of her tongue. That on four separate occasions she had seen Agatha in Tom's office. And when her mother, looking at her searchingly, that night, asked her whether any news had come from Tom, she herself, she denied it miserably and hurried to her room, that she might give way to her tears without restraint.

But everything draws to a close, and the time was come for Agatha to leave. The four trunks were packed, the wonderful hat went into a special box, giving place to a neat traveling bag, and Agatha was waiting for the carriage to come to convey her to the station.

"Sylvia, dear," she said, "there isn't anything wrong between Tom and me. In the first place, he is a very nice fellow. He would never give her cousin the satisfaction of knowing the harm that she had wrought."

"Because," said Agatha, "I wouldn't have engaged his services if I had reason to believe he was going to be unkind to you."

"Engaged his services," Agatha asked Sylvia, bewildered.

"Yes, dear. You know I didn't like my lawyer, Wagstaff, who, between ourselves, hadn't been quite straight with me. So I thought: Here's \$500 worth of business going begging, and why shouldn't Tom Darragh have it and be able to start housekeeping with a neat egg in the bank? Only, I'm afraid he must think me a very foolish goose, Sylvia. Because, the first time I went to his office I began contrasting him in my mind with Richard, and thinking what a lucky girl you were—and I just broke down and cried. Why—Sylvia?"

"Oh, Sylvia," she was crying, too, and when the cab arrived she had only just begun to explain. She was so remorseful that she did not notice the direction which the cab was taking, until it stopped outside Tom's office.

"I can't go in, Agatha. I dare not. I'll write to Tom."

"Well, now, you just sit still and I'll bring Tom out to you," said Agatha sternly. And when, a minute later, the door opened and Tom came in, Sylvia clung to him, sobbing and repentant.

"Oh, Tom, what a goose I was. Can you ever forgive me?" she asked.

"On one condition," he answered. "That you marry me next month."

"On one condition," said Sylvia dolefully.

"Which is—?"

"That Cousin Agatha shall be bridesmaid."

LUXURIES DURING WAR

English Papers Exposed Riot of Waste in Hotels

Waste in Britain was vigorously attacked by newspapers. A visit made to ten of the leading resorts in the West End of London by a Weekly Dispatch representative was an amazing revelation of luxurious living, of a vast expenditure of wealth on rich and costly entertainments, and on heedful of the drain on the country's resources. Only a few hours after a "society" dinner, card parties and luncheons, in which the most expensive measures to husband the nation's food supply were proposed and accepted, with out demur, thousands of men and women were rushing to the food palaces and sitting down to "meals" of superabundance and infinite variety.

By eight o'clock in two famous hotels—the Carlton and the Piccadilly—there was scarcely a vacant table. The interiors were gorgeous pictures of gaiety and high living. Women in superb evening toilettes, glittering with precious stones, were arriving with officers in uniform and men in evening dress. Of course, they all dined on caviar and oysters and champagne, and the time and labor of the chauffeurs were the last things that mattered in war time.

Practically all the tables were booked beforehand. In the Carlton, where only half the seats were taken, there were champagne bottles on almost every table, and the succession of courses of fish, meat, and fowl, and costly sweets seemed to cause no wonder that such prodigality should be possible in the midst of the great war.

OFFICERS IN THE MAKING

Fine Material in the "Devil's Own"

Among the Hertfordshire hills the staff that officers the British army comes from was seen in the making. The Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps is turning out officers for the Expeditionary Force in great numbers. There, and the boys of Harrow School and Beckenhamstead, who are nearing the age of qualification for the army in a field day.

Nowadays the "Devil's Own" is not entirely recruited from the Temple and Lincoln's Inn. Most of the available men of the legal profession have long been in the army. But other professions still furnish the supplies of young men prepared to accept commissions, and there is a steady flow of recruits from the law, from the countries and the far Dominions, from the Argentine and the Eastern Islands, who have returned at their own expense to do their part in the great war.

They had hard fighting when they found themselves opposed to the boys of Harrow and Beckenhamstead. The schoolboys were the attacking force, and came over the series of ridges which the men of the corps were defending, with such eager determination that all the efforts of the umpires were powerless to stop them.

NATION OF SPIES: PRUSSIAN CHARACTER

Foreigners Underestimate This Essential Characteristic—Happily, Huns Cannot Estimate Other Races

A citizen of the United States writes from England: "Prussians and women hardly know the meaning of the word 'private,' and as they are so much more earnest or less degree all the other States of the Empire they have learned the German to know how to be private. Here, in a land of individualists like Great Britain, the partners in any business prefer to go their own way and are not over-curious in regard to the methods of their competitors. Here, as with us in the United States, a man's business, fortune, and family affairs, though they may be discussed are not, at any rate in the great centers of population, systematically pried into by their neighbors."

No Privacy

All this is reversed in Germany, where an entirely different moral code prevails. The Prussians (referring window mirror), from which the German Hausfrau watches the movements of her neighbors in the street, is very typical of the spy aspect of the German character. Typical, too, is the annual tax return presented at every apartment house or block of flats. This return is a voluminous document which is placed in charge of the porter—or janitor, as he is called in Germany—of the whole of the flats, and each succeeding signer has the privilege of reading the returns of his neighbors and finding out exactly what amount his neighbor pays upon.

No Egotism

With these elements in their character it is natural that the Germans should be past-masters in the art of espionage. It does not follow that they are equally successful in the deductions formed from their investigations in foreign matters; but they are so egotist and so literal, so fond of making reports, so fond of seeing things only from their own point of view, that while they may be successful in obtaining possession, by spying, purchase, or theft, of the plans, say, of a new battle-ship, they are not able to form an accurate estimate of the character and intentions of the people among whom they may be spying.

Oxygen and Breathing

That there is less oxygen in the rarefied air of celebrated mountain health resorts than in any room with closed windows, no matter how crowded with persons, was an unchallenged statement made in the Times by the English expert on ventilation, Dr. Leonard Hill. The British Royal Society has just published a paper supplementary to the report on the Anglo-American expedition, led by Miss M. P. Fitzgerald, which concludes with the statement that "arterial blood contains considerably more oxygen at high altitudes than at sea level." The lungs are better ventilated, for one thing, but it is certain, also, that the old theory that the lungs should be plentifully supplied with chemically pure air must be discarded. The little cell-like alveoli at the ends of the lung branches have a special power of extracting oxygen, even while the supply of oxygen in the air is deficient. This secretory power is increased at high altitudes, and the increase does not disappear until a considerable time after descent to sea level.

His Sketch

A youngster in school was busy drawing. The teacher, to appear interested, approached him and said kindly:

"Well, Johnny, what are you drawing?"

"Why, I was making a picture of you, but it didn't look enough like you, so I put a tail on it and called it a dog."

What He Cut Out

A man took the following telegram to a telegraph office: "Mrs. Brown, Centre street—I announce with grief the death of Uncle James. Come quickly to read the will. I believe we are his heirs.—John Black."

The telegraph clerk, having counted the words, said: "There are two words too many, sir."

"Cut out 'with grief,'" was the reply.

Why It Was Dead

Stranger: "Your town seems awful dead. Had a scourge of any kind?"

"No smallpox or yellow fever?"

"No."

"No floods or famine?"

"No."

Well, what ails your town this year?

"Nothing ails it this year, but the boom struck it last year."

Unnecessary

Irate Father: "I'll teach you to kiss my daughter."

Young Man: "Not necessary, sir. I have just learned."

Worked Both Ways

A Scottish minister was one day talking to one of his parishioners, who ventured the opinion that ministers ought to be better paid.

"I am glad to hear you say that," said the minister. "I'm pleased that you think so much of the clergy."

"So you think we should have larger pay?"

"Aye," said the old man; "then we'd get a better class of men."

One of the Lawyers?

The Inevitable: "Tell me, is it a crime to be poor?"

The Lawyer: "Not in this province, sir. The charge for my opinion on the subject is five dollars. Pay my clerk and go out quietly."

A Young Man of Mark

"Do you think your boy will leave footprints on the sands of time?"

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Never Can Tell

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Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

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London, Dec. 28.—The admiralty has given to the Associated Press the following statement concerning the sinking of the British steamer Westminster, which was reported on December 18:

"The degree of savagery the Germans have attained in their submarine policy appears to have reached a climax in the sinking of the Westminster, which was proceeding from Torre Annunziata to Port Said, in ballast. On December 11, when 180 miles from the nearest land, the Westminster was attacked by a German submarine without warning, and was struck by two torpedoes in quick succession, which killed four men. The Westminster sank in four minutes. This ruthless disregard of the

rules of international law was followed by a deliberate attempt to murder the survivors. The officers and crew, while effecting their escape in boats, were shelled by the submarine at a range of 3,000 yards. The master and chief engineer were killed outright. Their boat was sunk. The second and third engineers were not picked up; it is presumed they were drowned.

"The captain of the submarine must have satisfied himself of the effectiveness of his torpedoes, yet he proceeded to carry out in cold blood an act of murder which could not possibly be justified by any urgency of war, and can only be regarded in the eyes of the world as a further proof of the degradation of German honor and morals."

REPORT SHOWS A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR ELEVATORS

Alberta Company Pays War Tax of \$60,000 Without Feeling It

From the interesting annual report of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, Limited, some idea of the work of marketing western wheat crop may be formed. During the season the company operated 87 elevators and handled 19,326,556 bushels of grain, 18,131,156 of which was handled through elevators and 1,195,400 bushels loaded over the platform and on track and consigned to the company. Of the amount handled through the elevators 10,763,120 bushels was special blined and 7,388,026 bushels purchased by cash ticket. Of this amount, over 17,400,000 bushels was handled in the twelve months ending July 31, an average of slightly over 200,000 bushels per elevator.

In addition to its wheat business the company handles live stock, coal, lumber, etc. Through its organization, 36,224 hogs, 7,659 sheep and 36,224 cattle were passed, also 1,002 cars of supplies, divided as follows: Flour and feed, 161; twine, 132; coal 3; posts, 201; hay, 30; lumber and building material, 42; salt, 7; fruit 29; wood, 9; wire, 23.

HANDISOME PROFIT
The company's total income amounted to \$81,426 and after making the usual deductions, there was a profit of \$292,484, which, with a 22% brought forward, made \$318,714 available for distribution. This was allotted as follows: General reserve, \$175,000; renewals, \$19,482; bonus to agents, \$15,000; dividend No. 1, \$22,000; provision for alteration to Mac-

lead elevator, \$3,000; Dominion government war tax, \$60,000.
The company's assets total \$1,509,496, fixed assets are shown as \$929,712, and current assets as \$579,784. The company's liabilities total \$1,509,496, and the company's net worth is \$1,509,496. The company's net worth is \$1,509,496. The company's net worth is \$1,509,496.

Non. Chase Casgrain, Dead
Postmaster General Stricken With Pneumonia Succumbs
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Thomas Chase Casgrain, postmaster-general of Canada, died of pneumonia here today.

Member of Sir Robert Borden's cabinet in the early years of his career, Mr. Casgrain was educated at the University of Toronto and at the University of Quebec. He had been honored by King George.

T. Chase Casgrain, K.C., LL.D., was born in Detroit, Mich., on July 28, 1852, a member of a distinguished Quebec family. He was a son of the late Senator Charles Casgrain. Mr. Casgrain was educated at the University of Toronto and at the University of Quebec. He had been honored by King George.

The deceased was junior counsel for the crown in the trial of Louis Riel for high treason at Regina in 1885. In 1894 he was chairman of a royal commission to amend and revise the code of civil procedure in Quebec. Mr. Casgrain early became active in politics and became one of the provincial leaders of the Conservative party. He was elected to the legislature in 1896 and continued in that house for ten years. He was attorney-general of Quebec from 1891 to 1896. From 1896 to 1904 he sat in the house of commons for Montmorency constituency. In 1909 he became president of the Conservative association for Quebec province.

Mr. Casgrain in 1911 was appointed by the king a member of the international joint waterways commission and the following year he became chairman of the Canadian section. He was sworn a member of the Privy Council of Canada and postmaster-general October 20, 1915, and was elected by acclamation to the House of Commons for the county of Quebec the following month.

The deceased was twice married, the second time in February 1915, to Madame Rene Masson of Paris. He left one son. He was a Roman Catholic in religion and a member of many prominent clubs.

To The Girls of Amherst
This was written by Sgt. E. S. Meares, better known as "Tel," who would not look at a girl sideways in forty years.

Your lovely smiles are cherished, And their memories linger far, While our transport hovers conveys us To the time of our dear war.

And visions of fair sweet features, Bathed in a smile divine, Will cheer many a lonely soldier boy On the domicile of ire.

We thank you for your compliments In pretty verses paid, And also for the hand waves, As we pass you on parade.

"Most fighting men the Westerner, Is fond of the nation, And now we claim a like high post In Maiden's estimation.

We know we're not the first with you Amongst the khaki clad, For where the Canucks face the Hun Is many an Amherst lad.

Now when we go across the seas, By others to be envied, We'll leave one girl in Amherst, And another in the West.

ONE OF THE 187TH

GREATEST OF SIEGES

British and Indian Heroes at Kut-el-Amara

In appeal after appeal General Charles Townshend, commander of the famous defence, held his men to marvellous sacrifice. At last on April 10, 1916, after four months of siege, he issued the following order: I am compelled to appeal to you all to make a determined effort to take out our scanty means, so that I can hold out for certain till our comrades arrive, and I know I shall see appeal to you in vain. I have therefore to reduce the rations to five ounces of meat for all ranks, British and Indian. In my communique to you on the 26th of January I told you that our duty stood out plain and simple: it was to stand here and hold up the Turkish advance on the Tigris, wringing heart and soul together.

"Well, you have nobly answered the trust and appeal put in your hands by the British Empire, let me tell you, is ringing now with the defence of Kut-el-Amara. You will be proud to say one day, 'I was one of the garrison at Kut.' And as for Pleura and Lethem, we have outlasted them all. So whatever happens now we have all done our duty, as I said in my report of the defence of this place, which has now been telegraphed to headquarters. I ask you all, comrades, to keep up the morale of the garrison. I ask you all, comrades, to keep up the morale of the garrison. I ask you all, comrades, to keep up the morale of the garrison."

The fortnight which followed was one of indescribable misery and then came the inevitable surrender.

Focus of Naval War

Here is shown the principal theatre of the incessant naval war, where decisive naval encounters naturally occur and the fleets are massed. Control of the straits of Dover is now, in the present time, the supreme factor in the world war.

DOUAMONT REGAINED

Verdun Triumph of French Had Joyous Incidents

A French military eye witness relates episodes of the capture of Douaumont. One regiment alone took 1,646 prisoners in the city, besides 45 officers. This caused an officer to exclaim: "This was a real victory for us. It was a real victory for us. It was a real victory for us."

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TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS
An American Paper Speaks of Canada's Part in the War

The Cleveland Plain Dealer writes: "With Canada it is a matter of fighting from a sense of responsibility to the British Empire. Canada has not waited for a sense of responsibility to the British Empire. Canada has not waited for a sense of responsibility to the British Empire."

PRIVATE WHO BEHAVED LIKE A GREAT LEADER
Victoria Cross For Lancashire Lad's Deeds of Great Courage and Wonderful Feat Modestly Told

This is the story by Private James Hutchinson, a Lancashire lad, of an attack on the German trenches. After describing the attack and the heroism of the private, the story ends with the words: "I was a private, but I behaved like a great leader."

Germany in Greece
Plans of the Suez Canal in a German's Portmanteau

The Athens Patria makes some serious remarks concerning the contents of a portmanteau belonging to a German officer at the German Legation at Athens. The portmanteau contained a detailed plan of the fortifications of the Suez Canal. Another envelope contained letters from King Constantine and the Queen to the Kaiser, and a communication from P. Thoma to his brother, the Greek Minister in Berlin, making violent accusations against and offering gross insults to the allies.

"OUR BOYS NOT AFRAID"

"Boches Dirty Devils," Narrates a North Countryman

Experiences during and after an early morning advance on the Somme are described quaintly by a North Country private while he lay in hospital. He said: "It was just past their first line I got this one in me hand. A bit sore like, that was more the arm; but not so very bad but what I got on all right till the third one got me here, and I fell in a shell hole near by the second line. The pity was, I could have used more bombs, like; ay, I could from there, but I was dead of mine! Our own lads. But Lancs-Corporal—, he took 'em on from me, an' I was lying white. Near along evening time I could see our stretcher-bearers comin' out behind, an' hopin' back a wounded man when they could. But them Boches is dirty devils. They saw the stretcher-bearers, an' every time the bearers showed up they turned a gun on 'em, an' they saw the ground very low to kill off the stretcher-bearers. But I saw our stretcher-bearers that way, after a bit, just one after another, as they went by. They're no decency like, they Germans."

"So I just kind of humped myself along, as you might say. But they fired when they saw a move, an' then I got into a trench, an' they couldn't see me. I came to where the dead lay, an' I saw a lot of 'em. But I saw the way, an' I didn't like to crawl on top of 'em. But I saw the way, an' I didn't like to crawl on top of 'em. But I saw the way, an' I didn't like to crawl on top of 'em."

CHAPLAIN'S HEROISM

Risked His Life to Give Christian Burial to Comrades

A Canadian battalion had fought heroically over one section and had lost a number of men. Every attempt to get in their bodies failed. A young chaplain often visited the front lines and looked after the black figures. Some of them had been killed. There was one group which specially affected him. Little but the skeletons were left now. Choosing a specially dark and wet night he crept out from under the own trenches, leaving the listening post. Then, lying low and going carefully, he went to the front line. Every now and then the Germans saw him. He was the only one who was not shot. He was the only one who was not shot.

Richer By Half Billion Dollars In The Province

This Amounts to Average of One Thousand Dollars Per Head

Alberta's manufactured products for 1916 are valued at \$52,000,000, her agricultural production, exclusive of livestock is \$17,727,000 and her livestock production is \$18,839,000. The total production for the year is \$88,566,000, or \$1,000 per head.

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Austria-Hungary Is Willing To Eat Real Humble-Pie

New Emperor Wants Peace and May be Forcing the Kaiser's Hand

London, Dec. 28.—Recent reports received here from Switzerland have represented the internal conditions in Austria-Hungary as so serious that those governments are preparing to negotiate direct with Great Britain and France, preferring a humiliating peace to what has been termed inevitable bankruptcy and ruin.

The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, writing December 22, records opinion to the foregoing effect as being prevalent in some quarters in Austria-Hungary, but in no wise confirms the view that they are favored by the Austrian and Hungarian governments. On the contrary, the correspondent contends that, however much a separate peace may be desired, it is also unthinkable, and certainly for the present impossible. He concurs with the Swiss reports that the young emperor is eager to work for peace.

"It is generally recognized," says the correspondent, "that the emperor, after he has been crowned king of Hungary, and taken the oath to the constitution in the Austrian parliament, will try to re-establish peace. Then, as he will be well known to his influence on Germany in a friendly way as possible, and if this influence should fall will use other means of pressure on Germany which Germany will be unable to endure for long."

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Scene from "The Girl He Couldn't Buy," Lyrio, Mon., January 8th

da is engaged in the world war. When the strife ends and hundreds of thousands of men are flocking to new lands for their new homes. Canada will be the greatest magnet in the world and the doubling of the population in five years will not be beyond the limits of possibility.

To All Frenchmen Born in 1898

The Consular Agent for France in Alberta is advising all Frenchmen born in 1898, and who have been omitted in the previous years, to claim without delay the registration of their names with the French Government. The deadline is 1918. For this purpose they will have to communicate immediately with the French Consular Agent, Calgary.

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Port Robinson, Ont., July 8th, 1915.
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WILLIAM WARREN.
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.



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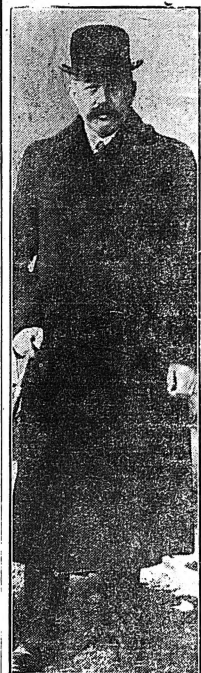
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THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,
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Governor-General of Canada, photographed at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

Balmoral Christmas Entertainment

The annual Christmas tree held in Balmoral school, Thursday, December 21st, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The tree was very prettily decorated with festooning, evergreens and patriotic emblems and a well wooded tree added to its attractiveness. Mr. J. J. McLeod occupied the chair in his usual able manner.

After the programme luncheon was served in the basement, during which the school room was cleared out and an enjoyable dance followed. The collection in aid of the Patriotic Fund amounted to \$15.50.

The teacher and pupils are to be congratulated upon the success of their entertainment.

The following is the programme rendered:

Opening Chorus—School.
Recitation—Willie Lobb.
Address—Chairman.
Recitation—Lillie McConnell.
Song—"The Christmas Ship".
Dialogue—Aunt Maria's Visit.
Recitation—Roger Leonard.
Recitation—Mr. Walde.
Song—"When We Dressed up like Mother".
Solo—Miss Adair Healy.
Drill—Lads in Navy Blue.
Recitation—Alice McConnell.
Solo—Mr. Walde.
Dialogue—Killed by kindness.
Recitation—Cecil Lobb.
Duet—Ettie McConnell and Edna Hicks.
Hoop Drill—Eight Girls.
Musical Acts—Seven Girls.
Play—Too Much Married.
Closing Chorus—School.
God Save the King

Masonic Installation

Lt. W. J. Botterill, Grand Senior Warden assisted by Wor. Bro. Coote, installed the officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Wednesday evening.

There was a good turnout of members and visitors from the 191st Batt. At the conclusion of the meeting the fourth degree was put on and greatly enjoyed by those present. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

P.M.—W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson
W.M.—W. Bro. F. A. McEwen
S.W.—Bro. C. H. Stone.
V.M.—Bro. J. E. Welton.
Treas.—Bro. J. E. Welton.
Sec.—Bro. A. G. Ayres.
S.D.—Bro. T. S. Miller.
J.D.—Bro. C. T. Elliot.
S.S.—Bro. S. H. Dunbar.
J.S.—Bro. T. Edis.
Tyler—Bro. Dr. Gribble.

Condor

Afternoon tea was given to the customers and visitors at the Condor store and post office by Mrs. E. N. French, kindly assisted by the ladies present on Monday afternoon, December 18th, to celebrate the occasion of the taking over of the store by Mr. E. N. French from the late proprietor, Messrs. McEwen and P.C.

There was a good number present who enjoyed the pleasant hours and music provided and also appreciated the new arrangements made in the store. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. E. N. French every success in their new enterprise, for they are worthy of the support of the district, the family being one of the first in this western country and have stayed right with it and done their best to improve the conditions of life therein.

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Acknowledgements From Overseas

The President and officers of the Local Council of Women at Red Deer are receiving a number of acknowledgements of the Christmas parcels sent by the ladies to Red Deer soldiers serving overseas.

F. W. Colvin wrote Nov. 26 from military hospital, Shorncliffe, "What can never express," he says, "the joy which fills a soldier's heart on receipt of any kind of remembrance from one who never forgets the boys on overseas service. I am pleased to say we are quite comfortable here, but never know when we may have to proceed to France."

Francis A. Fann, Nov. 25, from Chatham camp: "Allow me to thank you very much indeed for the very pleasant surprise I received this morning; it was very kind of you to remember me, especially as I left Red Deer over two years ago. It is just fine of you and your fellow-citizens to remember the absent boys in such a practical manner, and while it may have taken much of your time and made you very tired sending these parcels away, I am sure you will feel amply rewarded if you only know how much we who are away appreciate being remembered by our friends at home."

Almae Desert, Nov. 30, C. M. G. depot, Chortofort, "It is with the greatest of pleasure that I am sending you this humble card to express my thanks for your kindness and good remembrance to me. I am a Frenchman you can be assured, dear madam, that I will do my duty to the British Empire and I will be France. I am in the best of health now. I hope it is the same for you, dear madam, who thinks of the boys over here. There are many Red Deer boys here, but I have not heard of any of them. I have finished the machine gun course, I will proceed to France very shortly."

G. L. Blake, Nov. 30, 5th Batt., C. A. C., attached Canadian Corps hospital, Bear Wood, Wokingham, Berks, writes on behalf of the Bear Wood boys: "The excellent parcels we have so much appreciated by us all, and the fruit cake was a treat. I am stationed in very comfortable quarters at this hospital and have been here for just over a year. There have been quite a number of Red Deer boys in this hospital on and off since I came, from different units, but none have mostly all been discharged to the C.A.C. and I believe some have gone back to Canada."

Arthur W. Gill, Nov. 30, Can. Ord. office, Keyham dockyard, Devonport: "This is the first gift I have had from the city where I spent many, and I hope to spend many more, days. We handle here most of all the comforts coming from Canada, and Mr. Gill offers all the help in his power in the way of obtaining information, etc."

A. T. Holmes, Dec. 5, 26th Canadian, Q. E. Hospital, military hospital, Chichester, Sussex: "I was quite surprised and delighted with this splendid Christmas parcel, and I really do not know how to thank you enough for your kindness and thoughtfulness, which not only have shown in sending—not only to me, but to all the other boys who enlisted at Red Deer and are now, or have been, on overseas service. I wish your organization all the prosperity of the world to aid in keeping the boys at the front happy and cheerful."

W. H. P. Harris, Dec. 6, Empire hospital, Westminster, London, S.W.: "Will you please convey to the Local Council of Women my hearty thanks and appreciation for the parcel. It reached me safely and in good condition and is most helpful and enjoyable. I am sure it will bring to each one, as it did to me, not only the enjoyment of the good things contained therein but the real happiness at realizing one is not forgotten by the old friends. I am doing as well as can be expected, but the process is bound to be slow."

W. H. Donley, Dec. 7, 30 Francis road, Ashford, Kent, France: "My parcel came to hand yesterday in good condition. I can assure you that it is appreciated, and have the feeling that this token of remembrance adds yet another link to the long chain of kindness shown to me by the people of Red Deer."

All the letters with the ladies a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Wednesday evening, January 10th. A good evening is anticipated. Members and friends interested keep the date open.

Sittings for the trial of actions the Supreme court of Alberta will be held at Red Deer on Wednesday evening, 2 p.m. (civil cases) before Mr. Justice Hyndman, and on March 12 (criminal cases) before Mr. Justice Simons. The first sittings will be held on Sept. 17 (criminal cases) before Mr. Justice McCarthy, and on Nov. 12 (civil cases) before Mr. Justice Scott.

Christmas Entertainment at Baptist Church

What proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable Christmas entertainment took place in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, December 27th. In spite of the severe weather, the church was filled by the parents and friends of the boys and girls. It was very much enjoyed by the teachers that the extreme cold kept many of the wee tots from coming out and appearing on the platform.

The programme was as follows: The Doxology.
Prayer by the Pastor.
Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing—Sunday School.
Recitation—Edith Valois.
Chorus—No. 4—Class Four.
Recitations—Alta Russell, Eileen Russell.
Chorus—Sunday School.
Recitation—Lena Fehr.
Solo—Star of the East—Olive Stock.
Recitation—Jim Brenner, Ira Townsend.
Chorus—Class Four.

After the programme dear old Santa Claus appeared in his usual red and white garb. He was greeted by the chairman. When asked how he got here he said he walked. A letter from the boys of the Santa Claus then gave a nice surprise display on the Christmas tree which was most attractive.

The pastor then called his staff of teachers to the platform and presented them with a little gift, and a few words of appreciation of their work. The teachers then ascended the platform and presented their classes with Christmas gifts. Santa Claus kept the people cheerful and happy and presented each and every one with a bag of fruit and candy. Altogether the evening was a most happy one. The Christmas tree was commented on by many of the people. The electric display loaned by the Western General made a brilliant illumination. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Salvation Army Christmas Entertainment

The Christmas entertainment given by the Salvation Army Sunday school on Friday night, December 22nd was a decided success. Every seat was taken in spite of the extreme cold weather, and those who attended expressed their appreciation of the splendid programme given by the children as follows:

Opening Song.
Prayer.
Song—We mean to fight for Jesus.
Recitation—Christmas Day—Ella Thompson.
Solo—Military in the highest—Ada Ma Robertson.
Recitation—Washing Dolly—George Heath.
Dialogue—The Army Tradespeople.
Song—Let the Sunshine in your Heart Shine Out—School.
Recitation—My Dolly—Isabel Robertson.
Solo—Jingle Bells—Myrtle LaRogue.
Dialogue—Her Sister Beate—Winie Millman and Irwin LaRogue.
Recitation—Charlie Heath.
Reading—Does Ma wish she was Pa—Lieut. Faulkner.
Song—Keep the Old Flag Flying—School.
Dialogue—Taking Census—Adt. Mace and Grace Mosley.
Recitation—Christmas—Nine scholars.

The programme lasted about an hour and a half, at the end of which Santa Claus appeared and distributed the various presents from the Christmas tree, to the children of the Sunday school. In addition to the gift every girl and boy in the building received a bag of candy and an orange.

At the close the Doxology was sung and everybody went home, after having spent a very happy evening with the children.

Summary of National Service

The Edmonton Bulletin will summarize the case for national service as Mr. Bennett put it in that city, as follows:

1. There is a grave possibility of the allies being beaten, a terribly grave possibility of it.
2. If they are beaten, Canada becomes part of the spoils of war waiting to be divided.
3. The only way to avert that fate is to organize and concentrate the whole strength of the nation in the effort to win the war.
4. The fact that we have recruited so far a large army overseas is not enough. We might send a much larger army and still lose the war through lack of properly applied effort.

5. The production of food must be kept up, for ourselves, the people of the mother land and the armies at the front. The basic industries necessary to the making of munitions must be kept going. And the public service must be continued.

6. If the strength of the nation is to be brought to play there must be no discrimination exercised, and each employed at the task he is best fitted to do. The production of food is a voluntary basis, but compulsion may be employed later if that fails. To that end an inventory is to be made of the main powers of the country. Response is voluntary, but compulsion may be applied if necessary and is already authorized by law.

7. A study is also to be made of the natural resources of the country, to find out what resources the nation has with which to work.
8. The manpower of the nation may be divided into three classes: those best fitted to fight, those best fitted to do service at home as civilians, those not fitted to do either but who have wealth.

9. The soldiers should be drawn from those between 19 and 25 years of age as far as possible. Those over that age should be put to essential work, non-essentials being dropped. The wealthy who can neither fight nor work should be taxed.

10. Preparation for after-war conditions should be made. The problem is not what will become of the returning soldier, but what will become of the shaker, for the soldier will get his job.
11. The Canadian people do not yet know what thrift means, but he will find out before the war ends if not voluntarily, by compulsion.

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13. The question every Canadian must ask himself is: Are you doing the most you can for the national service? At the New Year the national service cards should reach every man in Canada—and should be filled out by every man in Canada. Unless this is done voluntarily now, compulsion must come later on. Our duty is plain. Let us do it.

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Letters From The Front

Pte. Theo. Wright writes: Bedford, Recieving Hospital, November 23, 1916
I am perfectly happy now as I am getting your letters regularly, and I am getting splendid treatment. My arm is quite healed now, but the thumb and two first fingers are still rather weak. I am having massage every day by a big way. It is a big relief. I am very happy to hear that the national suffragette who gives me the

massage, so I carefully avoid political discussions) and the use is gradually coming back to my hand and wrist.
I am out to tea every afternoon, and have some fine evenings out with different people in Bedford.
I had Mrs. Gaetz's letter a couple of days ago. I will answer it very soon now. I had a parcel of your letters which had been sent to France. The answer you wrote to the one from the big boys and Posner was a specially good one. I did not expect when I was writing that, that I would ever see the answer. It is a wonderful letter. I am very happy to hear that the chap who wrote their letters home had evening, will never leave the little valley to the left of Courcellette—but then I don't think of them any more—it is best to forget.

I received the one with the old Monk's Horton letter, which had added considerably to its already remarkable long travels. As a peculiar coincidence (a fine word that, isn't it?) I recognized in one of the nurses here, the young lady who had charge of the canteen in the Y.M.C.A. at Monk's Horton when I was there. She remembered me, too. She is a very nice girl, and is getting on with nursing. She saw her first operation the other day, and turned the joke on the boys by making quite a success of her work there.

Mrs. James Nurembe has word from the front giving further details as to the serious wounding of her son Louis, formerly of the News office, as follows:
30 C.C. Station,
December 5, 1916

Dear Mrs. Nurembe,
I am writing to you to tell you a few well-wishes. Pte. Louis Nurembe was brought in here very badly wounded. He is a trifle better. He has written to his father to-day. I am very glad to have to tell you that he has had to lose both his feet. He knows he has none, but he does not know that both had to be done. He is so plucky and good. He is going to write to you soon but he feels he can't tell you yet. He has some slight wounds, one near the eye but we hope they will be all right. I am sorry to have to tell you this bad news. The only consolation will be to feel that at all alive and that he will not have to go back. His wounds are severe, and one cannot say for certain that all will go well. He takes his food very fairly. With very much sympathy.
Your boy was admitted on Sept. 3. Yours sincerely,
Superintendent J. C. BARKER, R.C.

Mrs. Dale has word from Norman Dale, of the Army Medical Corps, that he saw Louis Nurembe at the hospital.

Major George McLorris, of the 18th Battalion, was married on December 5th, at St. John, N.B., to Miss Margaret Alice Seddon, of Toronto, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. John Harwood of St. Matthews Presbyterian Church. This was the event of the week in St. John as it was a military wedding. Officers and men of the 18th, together with the many friends of Major McLorris, in this district, extend their heartiest congratulations to the second in command.

Carl Stettler has returned from his trip to Montana, and reports much prosperity there. He states that he has Smith is now located at Helena, where he is conducting a coal mine. Mr. Stettler will probably go to the land business and may locate at Billings, S.D., for that purpose, selling land in Alberta to U.S. settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, of Cooper Cliff, Ont., announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Anna Pearl, to Mr. John Gesner Fulton, of Red Deer. The marriage to take place early in January.

Mr. Noble was born on a farm near State Center, Marshall County, Iowa, in 1867. His boyhood was spent largely on the farm. Shortly after reaching his majority he fled to a quarter section of land near Knox, North Dakota, where he lived until 1902. In that year he moved to Clearhollow, Alberta, married Miss Margaret Fraser, of Hawkesbury, Ontario, and, in addition to farming interests, later enjoyed a successful real estate business with his present partner, Mr. T. C. Miles. From an elder in the Presbyterian Church, world has been rapid. In the year

1909 he moved to his present location at Nobleford, Alberta, where he lives on Grand View Farm, with his family consisting of his wife, two sons and one daughter, giving practically all his attention to the farm. Thus it is seen that his life work has been that of a practical farmer.

His entire career has been marked by energy and foresight of an exceptional quality, his prominent mental characteristics being courage in meeting facts squarely, accuracy in figuring costs, and boldness and originality in making investments. Coupled with the hardest common sense and shrewd business judgment, he has a gift of imagination which is constantly lending him on to greater things and to blinding the way for others to follow.

He is a total abstainer from the use of all kinds of narcotics, and takes his place at work with any of his men whenever occasion requires. He is a life long church member and an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Noble.

Classified Advertisements

WANTED
A violinist for orchestra and dance music. Apply to box 501, Red Deer.

FOR SALE OR TRADE
For sale, or exchange for other horses, a pure bred registered stallion, 6 years old, 1700 lbs. For particulars apply at News Office. Dec. 7, 3-w-1

BLACK STEER LOST
Black yearling steer with horns, branded X2 with bar above, on right hip. Suitable reward will be given for information leading to recovery. James Cruickshank, Red Deer. Dec. 19, 3-w-

STRAYED
Strayed away from my place, one red and white heifer (part Jersey), branded on the right hip with bar L.S., Box 133, Red Deer. 3-w-1

HEIFERS STRAYED
Black and white yearling heifer and small two-year-old heifer mostly red, branded 75 with quarter circle below on left ribs, with left ear split. A reward of five dollars will be paid for information leading to their recovery.—W. G. HEALY, Hill End P.O. Dec. 7, 3-w-

STRAYED
One red Muley steer, two years old, came to my place about November 1915. No brands or other marks visible. E. Brown, Punhould, O. Box 61. Dec. 5-

STRAYED
On the premises of J. Heath, of Sec. 20, Township 38, Range 26, West of the 4th M. 5 miles east of Red Deer, one bay colt, about 1400 lbs., with white on right hind fetlock. Owner can have same by paying expenses. Dec. 6, 3-w-1

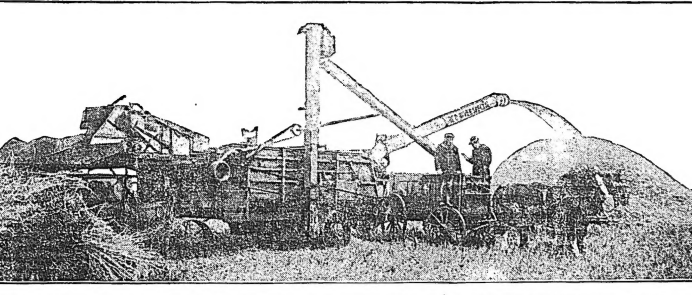
SKATING
The Red Deer Curling Club are this season devoting several sheets of their fine covered rink to skating. Excellent accommodation: splendid ice.
Family season ticket—\$6.00
Gent's season ticket—\$4.00
Lady's and Youth's season ticket—\$3.00
Five skates for \$1.00
Single skates—Adults 25c; children 15c.
Rink open for skating Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.
All week evenings.
Tickets from R. Bruynsma, secretary or Geo. H. Lindsay's office.

FAVORITE "SQUIRREL BRAND"
Bulb and 1 lb. tins only
Absolutely pure and guaranteed
SELLING AGENTS FOR RED DEER
Lowers Grocery

CLOSING OUT SALE OF
Percherons
Having rented the Hawkeye Ranch, I will sell on Feb. 20th, 1917, 22 registered Percherons (8 stallions, 13 mares and 25 grade burses). Catalogue ready Feb. 1st. Write for it.

GEO. F. ROOT
Water Glen, Alberta.

Canada's Most Successful Wheat Grower



A YIELD of 64,383 bushels of wheat from 1,000 acres of land, average per acre, seems to appear like an impossibility, but it is a fact in the life of Mr. C. S. Noble, of Nobleford, Alberta, has reaped this marvelous production from his farms in the harvest of 1916. This bountiful gift of nature to man is likely to attract the attention of the world, and the leaders did their part in the work of garnering the grain. On September 10th the threshing began, and proceeded merrily for some days, during which time moving pictures of the operations were taken. The grain was threshed in a matter of a few days, and the grain was all of it was of the Marquis variety, which has been proved to give the best results of any species of wheat yet tried in West Canada. The seed from which the enormous returns are now nearly all raised from a one acre field that had been sown with hand picked pedigree Marquis seed.
At a moderate estimate the land of Mr. C. S. Noble, who has a big crop returns him \$85 an acre. After paying all expenses this famous grain grower has a huge sum of money as a reward for his exertions. But he well deserves all that has come to him. It is true that a fertile soil and a magnificent climate were bountiful, but the ability with which he has managed his land, and the man who perseveres. He has a system of his own for doing every thing, and everything he does is done in a systematic manner. He was in no small way responsible for his success. Mr. Noble is a business man, and is possessed of the gift of concentration—that quality which always discovers the right road to the most systematic manner. He has a system of his own for doing every thing, and everything he does is done in a systematic manner. He was in no small way responsible for his success. 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